



FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 1, 1904.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

"De-lighted," said the President. He said it about seven thousand times to seven thousand people, shaking hands as he said it. They all said "thank you" and wished Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt a happy New Year. Thus, in a few sentences, today's interesting function at the White House may be epitomized. The New Year's reception for 1904 passed off more satisfactorily than any before, because the alterations in the Executive Mansion have better adapted it to the handling of large crowds and more conducive to the comfort of visitors when they come in large numbers.

A line of people stretching out to Pennsylvania avenue was in waiting long before the President and his wife and those in the Blue Room had exchanged formal greetings with the diplomats and high government officials who had come to pay their annual duty calls. Not until nearly one o'clock were the first of those reached who had come just because they wanted to, without any ethics of official etiquette to urge them on. The line was then nearly half a mile long, and although the President had already been on his feet continuously since 11 o'clock he showed no fatigue and seemed but little the worse for wear when the last of his callers departed. The White House decorations were simple. The lobby was attractive in greens and palms and the East room looked beautiful with its wealth of holly and its mantels buried beneath cut flowers. Beyond this there was no attempt to enhance the everyday appearance of the gorgeous apartments. The public was admitted by the north or front entrance and filed through the lobby, single file, into the Red room, proceeding thence into the Blue room, which is directly opposite the main entrance, where the President stood, at the head of the line, to receive his callers and well-wishers. Out through the Green room they passed, the salutations over, into the famous East room, whence, after a brief sojourn, they flocked down the commodious staircases, wended their way through the long corridor in the eastern terrace, and out again into the cold. There was no jostling and no confusion, but a steady, orderly procession, all headed in the same direction. The men kept on their overcoats and carried their hats, the women were in their street wraps, so that dressing rooms were not required. The diplomatic corps in full official court costume were conspicuous. The reception to the diplomats consumed twenty minutes. The regents of the Smithsonian Institution and members of other government boards were also on hand, together with assistant secretaries of departments. Delegations from many organizations were also prominent. In the receiving line, besides the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, stood Mrs. Hay, wife of the Secretary of State; Mrs. Knox, wife of the Secretary of War; Mrs. Hitchcock, wife of the Secretary of the Interior; Mrs. Payne, wife of the Postmaster General; Miss Wilson, daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture; and Mrs. Cortelyou, wife of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The Treasury and Navy Departments were not represented, Secretary Shaw's family being in mourning, and Secretary Moody being a bachelor.

The foreigners of the Diplomatic Corps wore official court costumes, and the most gorgeous of them all was the Chinese Minister, Chentung Liang-Cheng. His official uniform eclipsed anything of the kind ever seen at the White House. His costume was a birthday suit from the Emperor of China and the most magnificent of court costumes used in China, nobles of high degree. The body of the costume is blue, but so deftly and lavishly covered with gold braid and lace, that the ground work is scarcely visible. Practically all the legations and embassies were represented except that of Colombia which seemed rather to accentuate the unpleasant relations now existing. General Reyes himself asked to be excused on the ground that he is declining all social engagements while he is here, and Dr. Herran, the charge d'affaires, remained at home on account of illness, it is said.

The festivities of the day at the White House will close with a large dinner party for young people. The next important social event there will be the reception to the diplomatic corps on the evening of January 7. A large dinner party is scheduled for the next day. Other public receptions were held this afternoon at the homes of the Secretary of War, the Attorney General, the Postmaster General, Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Speaker Cannon and Admiral Dewey. At the residence of the Secretary of State a buffet breakfast for the members of the diplomatic corps was served, but there was no public reception. Secretary Hay did not appear among his guests, as he is but slowly recovering from his illness. Mrs. Hay, as hostess, was assisted by her daughters, Mrs. Payne Whitney and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr. Assistant Secretary Loomis represented his chief at the various official functions.

Associate Justice Brown, of the Supreme Court, will probably be retired by special act of Congress if he does not regain his sight. Under the law Justice Brown cannot retire until 70 years of age. He will not be 70 years old until 1905. Associate Justice Hunt, of the Supreme Court, was retired by special act of Congress after becoming disabled, although he had served less than half as long as Justice Brown.

Senator Smoot, of Utah, has returned to Washington to make a fight for his seat in the Senate.

The expenditures of the United States government were \$17,500,000 more in the calendar year 1903 than they were the year before. The whole of this increase is chargeable to the Navy Department and is accounted for by the building and arming of new ships, the employment of more men to man them and the construction of accessory buildings. Government receipts were \$104,000,000 and in 1902 by \$72,000,000. During the year just closed the excess of receipts over expenditures was only \$38,005,000, or \$34,000,000 less than for the preceding year. The surplus for the present fiscal year is estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury at just \$14,000,000. During the calendar year just ended the gold held by the treasury has been increased by \$12,000,000 more than at the beginning of the year. The "working balance," which includes the money on deposit in National Banks and outstanding liabilities, is \$55,000,000, or \$3,000,000 less than at the beginning of the year. The increase of the National Bank circulation during the year was \$1,118, and their loans and discounts show an increase of \$122,000,000. The latter figures are offset by the fact that their capital stock increased \$44,000,000; their surplus and profits increased \$48,000,000 and their deposits increased \$48,000,000.

The Russian transport Kazan, with 2,000 troops on board, passed through the Suez canal today, bound for Port Arthur.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Herbert Talcott was arrested in New York, on Wednesday, charged with bigamy. He claimed he was hypnotized by his second wife.

Governor-elect Warfield, of Maryland, has announced that he would appoint Col. Oswald Tilghman, of Talbot county, Secretary of State.

Fargo Squiers, eldest son of United States Minister Squiers, was accidentally shot and killed by a chauffeur at Havana, Cuba, yesterday.

The number of dead in the Chicago theatre fire is now placed at about 575, and the total of dead, injured and missing is about 1,000. The coroner has begun an investigation into the cause of the disaster.

Representative Jesse Overstreet has lost his entire fortune, amounting to \$37,000, it is reported, in a business failure in which he was interested with his brother, Arthur Overstreet, at Columbus, Ind.

The extraordinary session of the French Parliament was adjourned on Wednesday in both branches after the budget had finally been passed. The delegates of the ministerial groups of the Chamber of Deputies elected Etienne Brisson to succeed M. Bourgeois as president of the chamber.

RAILROAD NOTES.

There is an idea among the Virginia residents that as the Old Dominion company has secured rights of way for a road from Lewinsville to Vienna, Fairfax county, a distance of seven miles, it may appear to those in charge of this enterprise as more important to connect Washington with Vienna than with the Great Falls; at least, they think the former place might with advantage be given the preference in point of time. As a further argument in favor of their idea attention is called to projected schemes of building an electric road from Winchester to Vienna, but it is not known whether the Winchester line will materialize. If it should, the fact would undoubtedly have an influence in determining the direction of the further extension of the Old Dominion after it has reached Lewinsville.

Work on the extension of the Falls Church electric railway from its present terminus at the west end of Falls Church to Dunn-Loring, a distance of three miles, is in progress. On account of the weather the operations are not being pushed, but it is expected this section of the line will be completed some time in April. It is also expected that by the middle of summer another section of the road will be built two miles farther on and ending at Vienna.

Residents of that locality are much interested in the plans of the Old Dominion and Great Falls Railroad Company, and as the active work of building the first portion of the line from the Aqueduct bridge to Lewinsville, a distance of seven miles, is soon to be begun, it is thought that the prospect for the continuance of the work in the immediate future is a good one. This is the view of the residents of that region, who are inclined to place more stress upon deeds than upon words. From the standpoint of the company, as has frequently been stated, the completion of the line to Great Falls is now only a question of a few months.

It is said that within six months the Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio, and Rock Island railroads will be practically under one ownership. The appointment of L. F. Lore, for years the vice president of the Pennsylvania Company, and more recently president of the Baltimore and Ohio, to the executive office of the Rock Island is said to be the result of an alliance, if not a direct ownership, of the Rock Island by the Pennsylvania interests. Since the action of the Gould interests in building into Pittsburgh, a district long monopolized by the Pennsylvania, the two interests have been at swords points.

IN McLANE'S FAVOR.—Judges Harlan, Phelps and Stockbridge, sitting as of the Maryland Superior Court, handed down an opinion yesterday in the Wachter-McLane Baltimore mayoralty contest, in which, after conceding to Mr. Frank C. Wachter the benefit of having counted for him all of the so-called "defaced ballots," the court finds that the petitioner still falls short of a sufficient number of votes to overcome Mayor McLane's apparent majority, and declines to order a general recount of the ballots, and dismisses the bill, the petitioner to pay the costs. In the opinion, after averting to the fact that the four uncounted precincts on the night of the election were counted by consent, and allowing Mr. Wachter the ballots which the court agreed should be allowed to him and also to Mayor McLane in the four precincts, the McLane vote is placed at 48,290, and the Wachter vote at 46,896, a majority for McLane of 394.

EMPLOYEES ARRESTED.—Seven employees of the Iroquois Theatre in Chicago were arrested yesterday on orders issued by Chief of Police O'Neill. The charge against them at present is that of being accessory to manslaughter. They will be held pending the verdict of the coroner's jury. After being taken in custody by the police four of the men told Chief O'Neill that they had been requested by people connected with the theatre to leave the city. When asked who advised them to do this they at first refused to say, but later admitted that the advice was given by Assistant Stage Manager Plunkett. They said they were about to follow Plunkett's advice and all of them had packed their trunks and would have been out of the city had not the police arrested them.

MOTHER OF TWINS AT 60.—Two chubby boys, born on Christmas day to Charles Ritter, aged 70, at his home on Bristol Pike, and Pennypack lane, Philadelphia, are reported as strong and healthy, and Mrs. Ritter, now 60 years old, is also doing well. The boys are to be named James and Joseph, and their happy parents are proud of them. Mr. Ritter came to America from Saxony in 1850, and for the past 40 years has been a farmer in the northwestern section of the city. Mrs. Ritter came from Cassel, in Hesse, Germany. The couple have nine children, the eldest, Charles Ritter, Jr., being 33 years old.

DIVORCED.—In the Corporation Court, Judge A. T. Embrey presiding, at the December term of the court, an absolute divorce was allowed in the case of Rev. Albert Ray against Nancy Ray; and in the case of Lucy Willis vs. Homer H. Willis, and the complainant in the last case was allowed the right to use her maiden name of Lucy Farmer. Judge John T. Gooldick was attorney for the plaintiffs in both cases.—(Fredericksburg Star.)

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The State of Virginia will today pay out the sum of \$438,814, the interest on the public debt.

Mr. Ernest G. Bryant, of Nelson county, and Miss Nellie G. Sanders, of Round Hill, were married on Wednesday morning at the home of the bride.

W. L. Capp, a member of the firm of Baker, Middleton & Tapp, owners of the Berry Hill Springs, Outleper county, died at Berry Hill on Wednesday, at the age of 52 years.

The Governor has granted a pardon to R. Thames, 17 years of age, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment from Mecklenburg county last May for "whitecapping."

Mr. Beverly Morris, son of Benjamin Morris, and Miss Kate E. Bell, daughter of James Bell, both of Hillsboro, were married at the residence of the bride's parents near that town Wednesday.

Two men were killed and several badly injured a few days ago by a car on an incline railroad at Pogue's lumber plant, Tazewell county, breaking loose and dashing down a mountain side to the rocks below.

Frank Bradley, colored, was sentenced Wednesday night in the Nelson County Court to hang January 30 for the murder of W. P. Harris, a bridgebuilder, on a Chesapeake and Ohio freight train near Gladstone last August.

The safe in the Gallego Mills, in Richmond, which were burned last Saturday morning, was opened Wednesday, but Warner Moore, one of the owners, declined to say what the amount of the loss caused by the fire Saturday morning would be.

Delegate W. H. Boaz, of Albemarle, chairman of the finance committee of the House of Delegates it is announced will certainly be a candidate for the State treasury at the next election. Mr. Boaz did not make the announcement personally, but a friend who is very close to him said positively that the Albemarle delegate would be in the race.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Richmond was consecrated today. Bishop Gibson officiated and Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, rector of St. Paul's, preached the consecration sermon. The new church is a magnificent stone structure, built on the site of the old one, and is largely the gift of Miss Grace Arents, niece of the late Major Lewis Ginter.

The local option election in Richmond yesterday resulted in an overwhelming defeat for the advocates of "no license." The "wets" carried every ward, with the following: First, 151; Second, 126; Third, 237; Fourth, 315; Fifth, 153; total majority for wets, 932. The total vote cast was: Wets, 1,731; dry, 949.

The announcement in the Chamber of Commerce Hall in Newport News, last night at 11:30 o'clock, that the charter of the Jamestown Exposition had been validated was received with enthusiastic cheers by the crowd of business men which had gathered to hear of the result of the final effort. J. L. Patton, who had taken the lead in the movement there announced that \$1,100,000 had been raised, and that the city of Newport News had raised \$143,000 of that amount.

THE LEGISLATURE.

There was still no quorum in either branch of the general assembly yesterday. The Senate having about fifteen members and the House forty-one. No business whatever was done in either house, and adjournment followed in a very few minutes after the bodies were called to order.

The Virginia legislature is being strongly criticised for not maintaining a quorum and attending to the business for which it was chosen. It is doubtful if the Senate will secure a working attendance, unless some drastic measure is adopted. Many of the members of both houses failed of re-election, and as term of office expires on January 11, they have lost interest, and some will probably not return at all.

EX-CONFEDERATE KILLED.—J. T. Davis, a one-armed Confederate veteran, was shot and killed Wednesday night near Loda, in the neighborhood of Danville, by Eli Oliver, a young merchant, who claimed that the old man owed him 10 cents on a bill. Several of Oliver's brothers were present when the trouble occurred, and it is understood, participated in the trouble, one of them slapping Davis in the face. The old man ran away from his tormentors, who pursued and overtook him. Seeing that there was no escape, Davis halted and drew his knife, saying that he would cut the first man who touched him. Oliver then fired. The ball struck Davis in the breast and killed him almost instantly. The victim lost an arm in the war. He claimed that he did not owe the money. Oliver is still at large. It is said that a constable was present when the trouble occurred, and that he placed Oliver under arrest, but later released him. The county authorities at Chatham have been notified of the tragedy.

INJUNCTION AGAINST WALKING DELEGATES.—The proprietors of 10 of the leading bakeries of Washington yesterday instituted proceedings in equity against the local labor union of the bakery and confectionery workers to enjoin the walking delegates of the union from trespass.

The complainants cite the recent creation by the union of the office of business agent, or walking delegate, and the election of John G. Schmidt to it. They say they have always satisfactorily adjusted grievances with their workman, but that by the by-laws of the union now require the business agent to visit the union shops every two weeks and that such visits shall not be debarrated. The complainants say that as the refusal to permit the delegate to enter the shop might be made a pretext for a strike that would result in great suffering in the city they want the court to inquire into the affairs of the union and grant the relief asked.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual causes vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c and that is returned if it doesn't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by E. S. Leadbeater & Son's, druggists.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Situation in the Far East.

London, Jan. 1.—There is little news regarding the Far East this morning. The situation seems lulled, but whether it is but the quiet which precedes the breaking out of the storm coming events alone can tell. Some comment has been caused by an article which appears in the Birmingham Post this morning. The paper asserts it has excellent authority for stating that the Russian ambassador yesterday laid before Lord Lansdowne, secretary for foreign affairs, a full statement of Russia's case against Japan in Korea. Russia, says the paper, wishes to avoid raising the question of Manchuria and is apparently resolved that if there is to be a casus belli, it will be found in the Korean question. Another indication that Russia intends to push her campaign against Japanese power in Korea is found in a report received last night stating that Russia intended to ask the Korean government for a lease for Masamp-Ho for use as a naval station. Should Korea extend the privilege, it would doubtless cause a strained feeling between Seoul and Tokyo, and might of itself constitute the flash that would set the magazine off. The reports that China would join forces with Japan in the event of a clash, are again current to day, though nothing definite is stated in the matter. By many it is pointed out that such action would not be surprising, inasmuch as the Peking government has everything to gain, and nothing particularly to lose by such an alliance. Should Russia defeat in war, with the Manchurian question one of the issues, there is but little chance that Russia would ever loose her hold on the peninsula. On the other hand the defeat of the Russian forces would mean their early evacuation of the disputed ground, and in all probability the return of the territory to the Chinese crown.

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Districts Consolidated.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 1.—The announcement is made here that the Eastern and Western Districts of the Southern Railway have been consolidated. C. S. McManus, present general superintendent of the Western District, with office at Birmingham, Ala., becomes superintendent. The general offices will be transferred to Atlanta. S. J. Collins, general superintendent of the Eastern District, with offices at Greensboro, retires. The news created surprise and regret here. A large force of office men and women lose employment unless work is provided elsewhere.

Gigantic Beef Trust Formed.—Boston, Jan. 1.—It is learned that Boston begins 1904 with a giant beef trust of ten and a half million dollars. The new trust is without a name, but its basis is a capital of \$10,500,000. This completes the big combine which the National Packing Co., of Chicago has been working for with Swift & Co., Morris & Co., and Armour & Co. behind it. The trust will control all the beef packing business in New England.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

The dockyards of Portsmouth, England, have been ordered to send six warships to Malta to replace those ordered to China.

Col. Morris E. Wickersham, United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, died at Mobile today, aged 65 years. He was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania.

Captain Mendiguet and sixteen of the crew of the French fishing schooner Sappho, which was abandoned on Red Island, Newfoundland, arrived at North Sydney, this morning. The survivors suffered terrible hardships and many had their hands and feet frozen.

Hon. Wm. B. Lamar, Florida's new Senator, in a public interview at Pensacola today said that the Panama treaty must be ratified, as Florida and other southern States will be greatly benefited thereby. He says it is a mistake of the democrats to oppose it, thereby playing into the hands of the republicans.

Fire which started in the wholesale grocery store of T. K. Barnes & Son, at Mount Sterling, Ky., this morning, caused a loss to the grocery company and adjoining buildings of \$150,000. The opera house was entirely destroyed. J. W. Barnes, owner of the store, was injured, and was caught by falling timbers and instantly killed. Legrand Collier, colored, was also killed and Cooper Beiratt was badly injured.

The employees of the Bloomington & Normal street railway system, at Bloomington, Ill., struck this morning for an increase of from one to two cents per hour, according to the length of service. Not a car moved in either city today and the tie-up promises to continue for some time.

Henry O. Shepard, of the Henry O. Shepard & Company, publishers, at Mount Sterling, Ill., in Chicago, died last night at his home there. Mr. Shepard's death was due to a complication of diseases which had kept him seriously ill for eighteen weeks.

The Serbian Minister of War has asked Parliament to grant 100,000,000 francs. The request has given currency to a rumor that trouble between Serbia and Turkey is imminent.

Fire early today destroyed a leading industry, the Pennsylvania Shoe Works, at Cory, Pa. By hand work the adjoining building was saved. Loss, \$50,000. The plant will not be rebuilt.

Jim Butler and Will Green, convicts in the turpentine camp near Aucilla, Fla., fought a bloody battle with turpentine axes yesterday. Green being killed and Butler being badly chopped up.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to William Van Deyver and Virginia McNeill, both of Rockbridge county; John P. McWhirt, of Fredericksburg, and Susie J. Galloway, of Hollidays; Richard L. Varnell and Alice Morris, both of Richmond; George C. Kinchloe and Etzel (Gretchen) Kinchloe, of Washington; William Zirkle, of Forestville, and Ada A. Bowman, of Edenberg, and to Edward Westerland and Christina E. Wynkoop, of Hillsboro.

MARRIED.—In Herndon on Wednesday, December 30th, 1903, by Rev. M. McNair, of Mount Sterling, COCKRILL, and Miss NELLIE HUTCHINSON, daughter of Mr. C. M. Hutchinson. The contracting parties both of Fairfax county, Va.

We wish the happy couple, now linked together for life with the silver ties of holy wedlock, unaltered happiness and a future as bright as the morning sun. May Harvey keep sacred the holy vow made unto Miss Nellie and ever cherish her as his heart's idol, for he has obtained a partner in life who is pure, true, and devoted. Kisses this morning, we wish for them both a happy and prosperous life.

The kindest and the happiest pair Will find occasion to forbear, And something every day they live, To pity and perhaps forgive. O. M. F.

Pleasant Valley, Dec. 31, 1903.

DIED.—On Thursday morning December 31, 1903, at the residence of Mrs. B. F. Hunter, in Fairfax county, Mrs. MARY A. DEARBORN, wife of Charles Dearborn, of this city, aged 52 years.

At 7:55 p. m., December 31, 1903, Miss JANE E. KIDWELL, Funeral from her late home, 112 North Pitt street, Sunday at 3 p. m. Friends are invited to attend.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF MARKS.—Northern mails, week days, close at 7:30 and 11:00 a. m., and 1:15, 2:40, 6:40, 8:23 and 10:45 p. m. On Saturdays Northern mails close at 9:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m. and 7:20 p. m. Southern mails, via Charleston, close at 7:30 and 10:40 a. m., and 2:50, 9:30 and 10:45 p. m. On Saturdays Southern mails close at 10:30 a. m., 3:00, 6:30 and 10:45 p. m. On Sunday Northern mails close at 9:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m. and 7:20 p. m. Southern mails, via Charleston, close at 7:30 and 10:40 a. m., and 2:50, 9:30 and 10:45 p. m. On Saturdays Southern mails close at 10:30 a. m., 3:00, 6:30 and 10:45